

IMPACTS OF OVERRIDE FAILING

OVERVIEW

The result of the Proposition 2 ½ General Override failing on Election Day is the reduction of the Town's FY24 Operating Budget. The resulting cuts in public safety, highway, and at town hall went into effect on July 1, 2023.

BUDGET REDUCTIONS

POLICE DEPARTMENT
\$84,874

FIRE DEPARTMENT
\$52,824

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
\$73,464

PARKS DEPARTMENT
\$5,000

SELECTMEN DEPARTMENT
\$5,000

TREASURER/COLLECTOR DEPARTMENT
\$5,000

QUESTIONS?

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SERVICE IMPACTS

Police Department | Staffing, Supply, and Equipment Reductions **\$84,874**

The Department has **lost 1 police officer position** causing a reduction in coverage on the overnight shift from 2 to 1 officer, Monday through Friday. When receiving multiple calls for emergency response, this will result in an increased reliance on mutual aid, expected to affect response times.

Fire Department | Staffing, Supply, and Equipment Reductions **\$52,824**

The Department **reduced per diem firefighter schedule from 2 to 1** from 8 AM to 4 PM, 7 days per week causing an increased reliance on on-call firefighters and mutual aid. This is expected to affect response times and the ability to respond with limited staff back-up and support.

Highway Department | Additional staffing and expenses **\$73,464**

Without the addition of the new employee, the Department will continue to have 1 employee work alone much of the time, restricting the type of work that can be performed. Communication improvements and required stormwater maintenance were also cut.

Parks, Selectmen, Treasurer/Collector Departments | Staffing, Landscaping, and Professional Development Reductions **\$15,000**

The Parks Department experienced a reduction in requested landscaping and irrigation maintenance funding, Selectmen Department reduced professional development and training, and Treasurer/Collector has less funding than requested for staffing support.